

In the Specification:

At page 2, please amend the first paragraph (lines 1-2) to read:

-- R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, or C₁₋₅ alkyl, e.g. methyl, ethyl, or linear or branched ~~branched~~ propyl, butyl, or pentyl; or --

At page 2, please amend the ninth paragraph (lines 11 – 13) to read:

-- R¹³ is hydrogen, or C₁₋₄ alkyl, e.g. methyl, ethyl ~~methyl-ethyl~~, or linear or branched propyl or butyl; or R¹² and R¹³ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a carbonyl group; --

At page 5, please amend the second paragraph (lines 6-7) to read:

-- In one embodiment, the compounds of the present invention may be used in fragrance applications, e.g. in any field of fine and functional ~~functionary~~ perfumery. --

At page 14, please amend the second paragraph (lines 13-26) to read:

-- b) 1-Isopropyl-3,3,5-trimethyl-tricyclo[3.2.1.0^{2,7}]octan-6-one

Odor description: woody, cedar, vertiver ~~veriver~~, fruity, patchouli

¹H-NMR (400MHz, C₆D₆): 1.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, 7-H), 1.59 (dd, *J*_{8a,8b} = 11.2 Hz, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, 8-H_a), 1.52 (d, *J*_{8b,8a} = 11.2 Hz, 8-H_b), 1.45 (dd, *J*_{4a,4b} = 13.6 Hz, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, 4-H_a), 1.26 (d, *J*_{4b,4a} = 13.6 Hz, 1H, 4-H_b), 1.21-1.11 (m, 2H, 2-H, 1-CH(CH₃)₂), 1.01 (s, 3H, 5-CH₃), 0.99 (s, 3H, 3-(CH₃)_a), 0.96 (s, 3H, 3-(CH₃)_b), 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH(CH₃)_a(CH₃)_b), 0.80 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, CH(CH₃)_a(CH₃)_b) ppm. ¹³C-NMR (100MHz, C₆D₆): 212.6 (s, C-6), 52.2 (t, C-4), 46.0 (d, C-2), 42.7 (s, C-5), 40.2 (s, C-1), 34.3 (t, C-8), 34.1 (d, C-7), 32.0 (2q, 3-(CH₃)_{a,b}), 31.9 (d, 1-CH(CH₃)₂), 29.2 (s, C-3), 18.9 (q, 5-CH₃), 18.8 (q, 1-CH(CH₃)_a(CH₃)_b), 18.7 (q, 1-CH(CH₃)_a(CH₃)_b) ppm. GC/MS (EI): 206 (M⁺, 41), 191 (37), 151 (15), 135 (36), 109 (100), 91 (38), 77 (24), 55 (21), 41 (43). IR (ATR): 2957m, 2926m, 2867m, 1725s, 1462m, 1317m, 1171m, 917m, 866 m, 834m cm⁻¹. --

At page 14, please amend the last paragraph (lines 28 – 33) to read:

-- Example 13: 5,7,8,8-Tetramethyl-tricyclo[3.3.1.0^{2,7}]nonan-6-one

A solution of 2,6-dimethyl-6-(3-methyl-but-2-enyl)-cyclohex-2-enone (10.0g, 52.1 mmol) in methanol (250 ml) was irradiated using a Hg-lamp during 3h. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue distilled in a Kugelrohr oven to yield 5.0 g of a colorless oil.

Odor description: patchouli, woody, camphoraceous ~~camperaceous~~ --